

## General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 5415

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LCO No. 1767



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

## AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2016) The Labor
- 2 Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of
- 3 Transportation, shall develop a program through which any veteran
- 4 who demonstrates a financial hardship, as determined by said
- 5 commissioners, in securing transportation to such veteran's place of
- 6 employment may apply to the Labor Commissioner for a voucher to be
- 7 used for such purpose on any state-owned or controlled bus public
- 8 transportation. Any such voucher, upon issuance by the Labor
- 9 Commissioner, shall be valid for ninety days after such issuance. The
- 10 Labor Commissioner shall only issue any such voucher to any such
- veteran once in a calendar year. Each subsequent issuance of any such
- 12 voucher shall require further demonstration of financial hardship.
- 13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2016) The Commissioner of
- 14 Veterans' Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of
- 15 Transportation, shall develop a program through which any veteran
- 16 who demonstrates a financial hardship, as determined by said

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17 commissioners, in securing transportation to any appointment for 18 medical care or services may apply to the veterans' advocacy and 19 assistance unit, as described in section 27-102l of the general statutes, within the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a voucher to be used for 20 21 such purpose on any state-owned or controlled bus public 22 transportation. Any such voucher, upon issuance by said unit, shall be 23 valid for one ride to such appointment and one ride from such 24 appointment only.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide bus public transportation for veterans who have demonstrated financial hardship in securing other transportation to such veterans' places of employment and appointments for medical care or services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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